

Extension Indian Reservation Program

Purpose

The Extension Indian Reservation Program (EIRP) is a program that supports Extension education on Indian reservations and Tribal jurisdictions to address the unique needs and problems of American Indian Tribal Nations. Emphasis is placed on assisting American Indians in the development of profitable farming and ranching techniques, providing 4-H and youth development experiences for Tribal youth, and providing education and outreach on other tribally-identified priorities, such as family resource management and nutrition.

Awards

Awards are made on a multi-year basis, subject to Congressional appropriations and annual evaluations that show satisfactory progress of the project.



Who May Apply

Institutions designated as 1862 Land-Grant Institutions are eligible to receive funding.

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Impacts

The EIRP is improving the lives and economic conditions of American Indian elders, adults, and youth. Examples include:

- enhanced economy of Tribal agricultural producers;
- development of youth leaders;
- enhanced stewardship of natural resources, including rangeland, fisheries and wildlife;
- responding to national security and food safety issues involving animal identification and disease prevention;
- development of culturally relevant agricultural Extension curricula;
- improved health through nutrition and traditional foods programs;
- enhanced community development;
- adoption of management practices relating to drought and other severe weather conditions;
- agriculture and agri-business experiences for Tribal youth.

How the Partnership Works

EIRP funds are provided by CSREES to the 1862 land-grant institution in the state in which the Reservation or Tribal jurisdiction is located, providing access to the university's knowledge base and structure to deliver needed information and programs. The Tribe provides functional office space, utilities, and an advisory committee. The EIRP agent provides the link between new agriculture technologies and the application of these technologies by farmers and ranchers, serves as a liaison with other USDA programs, provides training in farm and ranch business management, supervises 4-H and youth development activities, and coordinates special training programs.

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